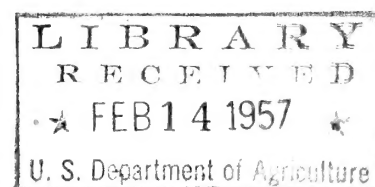


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GLADIOLUS FOR 1957
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TERMS OF SALE - The prices quoted are parcel post prepaid. Any express shipment will be collect. All shipments via parcel post will be made when weather permits. All bulbs are offered subject to previous sale. The minimum order is \$3 because of the high cost of postage. If you want to include an estimated amount towards the postage, you will be more than repaid by the extras which will be included.

BONUS BULBS - I have many letters each year from my customers thanking me for the excellent bulbs they have received, my generosity in including extras, and the method of packaging for shipment. You will be given bonus bulbs in proportion to the size of your order. You may have a choice of overcount of the items on your order list, or you may list varieties you would like to try at the bottom of the order blank and I will do my best to comply.

GUARANTEE - My bulbs have been inspected by the Department of Agriculture, Dairy and Food, Division of Plant Industry, St. Paul, Minnesota. Inspection certificate #2921 has been granted me for the year 1957. I will refund the purchase price on any order found unsatisfactory upon receipt, and promptly returned, but responsibility for the crop is denied, for I have no control over your growing methods or weather conditions.

SIZE OF BULBS - LARGE (L) size bulbs are one and one-quarter inches in diameter or more, and this size makes the largest spikes and flowers. MEDIUM (M) size bulbs are from three-fourths of an inch to an inch and one-quarter, and all bloom splendidly. SMALL (S) size bulbs are not guaranteed to bloom, but under favorable conditions will bloom and produce fine large bulbs for the following year. BULBLETS (BLTS) will not bloom, but will produce bulbs for future planting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT - I will acknowledge each order upon its receipt. There will be no C.O.D. shipments, please enclose remittances with all orders. For my financial responsibility, please refer to First National Bank, Owatonna, Minnesota.

1957 INTRODUCTIONS

566 LAVENDER BLUSH (Allen 1957) - An excellent light lavender, very ruffled, clean color, tall sturdy spikes of 20 to 22 buds with 8 opening easily in the field. One of the very few new glads to pass the Ohio State Gladiolus Society test gardens in 1955, where it had a score of 85 with an exhibition rating of A and a commercial rating of B.

Price: 1 L 50¢; 6 L \$2.50; 12 L \$5.00. Growers Units will be quoted on request.

462 ROSE SPIC (Allen 1957) - Rose Spic is the garden name and has not been registered and may be changed. This is a highly ruffled deep rose Spic & Span, with all the qualities of Spic, making enormous spikes of from 20 to 24 buds with 8 or more open at once. It is a beautiful color, one that has been lacking in present day glads, and has been well received at all shows having won many blue ribbons in seedling competition.

Price: 1 L 50¢; 6 L \$2.50; 12 L \$5.00. Growers Units will be quoted on request.

PRICE LIST	Large: 2 for 25¢	Medium: 3 for 25¢	Small: 5 for 25¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 1	5 for 50¢	5 for 35¢	10 for 40¢	
	10 for \$1	10 for 70¢		25¢ per package

ADORABLE - On of the fine new creamy whites. Very tall.

ALFRED NOBEL - A deep salmon pink with a blotch of cream

BETTER TIMES - An early light-blue violet with a deeper throat.

CATHERINE BEATH - A very clean and deep yellow, with a very high color rating.

CHAMPAGNE - (Large and Medium only) A very early light yellow with a sparkle.

CORAL ACE - Sport of Burma, very ruffled deep pink.

DOLLY VARDEN - A huge salmon with a cream throat.

DIEPPE - (Large and Medium only) One of the finest scarlet salmon's grown.

FRIENDWHIP - (large and Medium only) One of the finest early light pinks.

FRANCESCA - One of the most beautiful lavender glads in existence.

FORSYTHIA - A fine tall deep yellow.

GENE - One of the best fully ruffled light yellows grown. Very early.

GOLD - One of the finest deep yellows. Excellent color.

GOLDEN DAWN - An excellent light yellow, somewhat later than Gene.

HEART O' GOLD - Very early cream with golden throat. The first to bloom.

KING DAVID - (large only) The finest ruffled purple

LADY ANNE - One of the finest of the whites. Makes excellent spikes.

LIEF ERICKSON - A very huge cream that passes as a white.

LAVENDER MIST - A very nice clean lavender.

LAVENDER BEAUTY - One of the finest deep lavenders. (Mediums only)

MANCHU - The oriental glad. (Large only)

MESSA MIST - The only grey colored glad I know of.

NEGUS - One of the finest of the black reds.

POINSETTIA - One of the finest scarlets.

RED CHARM - The standard red glad.

RED CHERRY - (large and medium only) A very fine early scarlet.

ROBERT THE FIRST - An odd glad classed as any other color. Buff color predominates.

SAMS SOUCCI - (large and medium only) One of the finest of the scarlets.

SPIC & SPAN - (large and medium only) The standard of the deep pink class.

SALMON'S GLORY - (large and medium only) A very fine blotched cream.

SPARKLING EYES - One of the finest blotched whites grown today. Very outstanding in the garden and in arrangements.

THE RAJAH - One of the finest, tall, ruffled purples. Excellent.

THE ROAN - Handsome deep red interlaced with veinings of white.

TAJ MAHAL - A very white glad that has many friends.

VELVET MANTLE - The very early ruffled black red.

WHITE TOWER - The huge blotched white.

SEEDLING 12 - 50 - This is a seedling that I have been growing for several years. The only reason it will not be introduced is the fact that the flower head is too heavy for the stem. It is a very highly ruffled black red, a cross of Ruffled Eboney and Dark David.

MIXTURE - 25 Large bulbs from above listing, and others not listed, unlabeled, \$2.

PRICE LIST	Large: 1 for 25¢	Medium: 2 for 30¢	Small: 2 for 20¢	Bulblets
GROUP 2	5 for \$1	5 for 60¢	5 for 40¢	15 for 25¢
	10 for \$2	10 for \$1.20	10 for 80¢	100 for \$1

- A B COUTTS - An excellent exhibition glad in the giant buff class. A huge peachy to apricot buff, blending further into deep yellow in the throat. Clean, smooth florets, long flowerheads, perfect in form and placement.
- BRANDYWINE - Lovely silky maroon-purple of a distinct shade. The medium-large flowers have a smooth enameled finish. Tall and healthy.
- FIRE OPAL - Bright salmon-orange with yellow throat. Practically non-fading. Spikes of moderate height and an excellent color.
- HARRISBURGER - Marvelous, late, giant red of a very brilliant, intense shade. Not a scarlet, but an extremely rich, bright pure red. Very late.
- KAREN - A very popular rose-purple with a cream throat. Very fine novelty. Florets are somewhat waved and well rounded with 8 to 10 open.
- KING SIZE - The giant of giants. A clear light salmon with a few carmen lines on a rich cream throat. Plants grow consistently over 6 feet tall.
- MID-AMERICA - (medium only) A healthy strain of this giant red. I have a hard time keeping enough of this to propagate.
- PINK DIAMOND - A delicate light orchid pink with small greenish-cream throat, and a very beautiful combination. This one is nicely ruffled and opens many on a tall spike.
- PURPLE BURMA - A sport of Burma. Like Burma it has its same fine qualities such as heavy ruffling, velvety texture, long heads, and vigorous growth. It is a lovely true purple.
- REGINA - Here is one of the finest glads in this list. A beautiful light orange with deeper throat. Excellent substance, highly ruffled, and makes excellent spikes.
- ROSITA - Big and beautiful is this medium rose with light grey edging around the petals and a deeper rose throat.
- RUFFLED EBONEY - Very beautiful deep black red on distinctive form. One of the most beautiful glads in its color class. Very highly ruffled, with a rich velvety sheen. A winner.
- SNOW CLAD - One of the finest in the new whites. This makes marvelous spikes and will soon replace a number of other whites.
- SNOW DRIFT - (large and medium only) A very highly ruffled white that can be very nice, but it often grows stubby.
- SPRITE - (medium only) Orange and yellow with very heavy texture and ruffling.
- THE PHEASANT - A novelty. Resembles somewhat the breast of the cock pheasant in color. Classed as a 380, so is a smoky in the 300 class and wins many ribbons.
- WHITE CLOUD - A very highly ruffled pure white that does a good job of making spikes.

PRICE LIST	Large: 1 for 50¢	Medium: 1 for 35¢	Small: 1 for 25¢	Bulblets:
GROUP 3	5 for \$2	5 for \$1.40	5 for \$1	8 for 25¢
	10 for \$4	10 for \$2.80	10 for \$2	100 for \$3

- CRINOLINE BELLE - This is a large early lavender of the new butterfly type. One of the first to bloom on tall spikes with 5 to 6 open. Nicely ruffled and artistically winged florets make a beautiful spike. Highly recommended.

- GOOD MORNING - (Large and Medium only) This is a giant size corona type glad that performs very well, and is a good seed parent. It is somewhat like the variety (Corona), except that it is larger and much taller, and with a brighter and more definite halo of rose at the edge of each petal. My stock of this is very limited.
- LORELEI - Lorelei has a brilliant record. Was runner-up in the All American trials and has won many awards as most beautiful. One of the finest large ruffled creams in existence.
- TAFETTA - This is a fine rose-pink glad that has been over-looked. 6 to 8 wide open florets are common on a medium sized spike of 18 buds. Blooms in about 80 days, and is classed as 462. It may be described as a light or medium rose-pink with a creamy-yellow throat. The texture suggests the name. It's chief value is with the florist.
- WELCOME - (Medium only) A very early bright medium scarlet. One of the first to bloom and excellent for early flowers. Its florescence is quite remarkable when 9 to 11 of its large flowers are open on spikes of good height. Stock very limited.

PRICE LIST	<u>MINIATURES</u>	Large: 2 for 25¢	Medium: 3 for 25¢
GROUP 4		5 for 50¢	5 for 25¢
		10 for \$1	10 for 70¢

- ATOM - Scarlet edged white. One of the earliest of all glads.
- BO PEEP - Buff-pink with yellowish throat faintly dusted red. Very heavily ruffled.
- CORSAGE - A sort of a buff rose that is of use only for corsages.
- LADY KILLER - A fine miniature. A ruffled, blotched buff variety.
- LITTLE GOLD- A favorite deep yellow and richly ruffled. Very beautiful.
- Little Pal- A tall blotched rosy glad that has many friends.
- LUCILLE - A cream with markings that is very nice. (medium only)
- OCEAN SPRAY - A creamy miniature that wins a lot of prizes (Medium only)
- Pink Dots - Here's one if you want small bouquets. Pure white with pink dots on each petal. A knock out.
- RUBY - A fine light red glad that makes fine arrangements.
- STARLET - One of the best whites. Florets nicely ruffled on dainty airy spikes.
- WHITE WEDGWOOD - Not a miniature, but a small flowering glad that should be used in arrangements to be at its best. A very highly ruffled white.

PRICE LIST	<u>MINIATURES SPECIALLY PRICED</u>
GROUP 5	Medium bulbs only: 1 for 25¢

- FROLIC - A gay, frolicsome littel glad that is a favorite. Frolic sports a center of brilliant scarlet on a golden yellow background. Actually, the scarlet markings cover all the lip petals and inner portions of most of the other petals, which are beautifully frilled and fluted.
- MALIHINI- A miniature hard to describe. Quite tall, an odd color, might be described as a purplish smoky. Many like it, and it makes stunning arrangements.
- POLAR CUB - A tall white miniature that has done very well on the show table. My stock is very limited, but will sell as long as they last.
- PELLETIER d'OISY - This is surely an odd glad. A rather plain-petalled, recurved chartreuse flower with a red throat blending to pepperings of red on the lips. It is a "natural" for exotic arrangements.